

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on July 13, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1 – 25 and
5 27 – 31. Claim 26 has been objected to.

In response to the objections relating to claims 4, 12, 13, 19 – 21, 25, and 30, applicant
has changed the term “the fluid connection” to “a fluid connection” in claims 4 and 25. With
regard to the phrase “said engine” in claims 12, 13, 19 – 21, and 30, applicant believes that the
changes made to the related independent claims provide appropriate antecedent basis for this
10 terminology.

In the description of claim 26 and the described reasons for the indication of allowable
subject matter, the Examiner states that “the prior art does not teach or suggest the claimed
combination specifically comprising an engine with a throttle body and an air flow control
mechanism comprising a rotatable throttle plate.”

15 Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to specifically recite the engine with its throttle
body structure and the air flow control mechanism comprising a rotatable valve plate. Applicant
has used the term “valve” instead of “throttle” to avoid any possible confusion between the
“throttle body structure” and the “rotatable valve plate” of the “air flow control mechanism”.
Accordingly, claims 2 and 5 have been canceled. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to be
20 dependent on claim 1 rather than canceled claim 2.

In independent claim 16, the air flow control mechanism is described as comprising a
rotatable valve plate and a step has been added which disposes an engine within the cavity
formed by the cowl, with the engine having a throttle body structure. Accordingly, claim 17 has
been canceled and claim 18 has been made dependent on claim 16 rather than canceled claim 17.

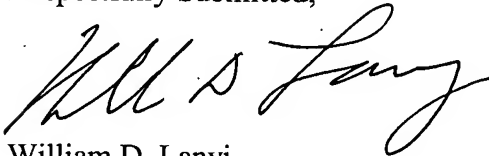
25 Claim 22 has been amended to explicitly recite the air flow control mechanism as
comprising a rotatable valve plate and now specifically describes an element of claim 22 which
recites the engine which is disposed within the cavity formed by the cowl, with the engine
having a throttle body structure. Accordingly, claims 23 and 26 have been canceled. Claim 24
has been made dependent on claim 22 rather than canceled claim 23 and claim 31 has been
30 amended to be dependent on claim 22 rather than on canceled claim 23.

Applicant respectfully contends that these changes to the claims of the subject patent application are directly responsive to Examiner's rejections and objections and, more particularly, to Examiner's description of the reason for the allowability of claim 26.

Applicant intends to provide formal drawings after receipt of the Notice of Allowance to replace the originally filed drawings which, although determined by the Examiner to be suitable for prosecution, are informal.

In view of the changes made to the claims of the subject patent application and in further view of the above discussion, applicant respectfully requests Examiner's reconsideration of the subject patent application and expeditious allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6 – 16, 18 – 22, 24, 25, and 27 – 31.

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